MARYLAND

1997 GYMNASTICS

MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

MARYLAND QUICK FACTS

Location.....College Park, Md.
Founded.....1807
Enrollment.....30,317
President.....William E. Kirwan
Athletic Director.....Deborah A. Yow
Senior Women's Administrator.....Patricia Nicol
Nickname.....Terrapins (Terps)
Colors.....Red, White, Black & Gold
Home Facility.....Health and Human Performance
Media Relations Phone.....(301) 314-7064
Media Relations Fax.....(301) 314-9094
Gymnastics Contact.....Jeff Stauffer
Terp FanPhone.....(301) 314-TERP
Mailing Address.....P.O. Box 295
.....College Park, Md. 20741-0295
Internet Address.....www.umterps.com

GYMNASTICS INFORMATION

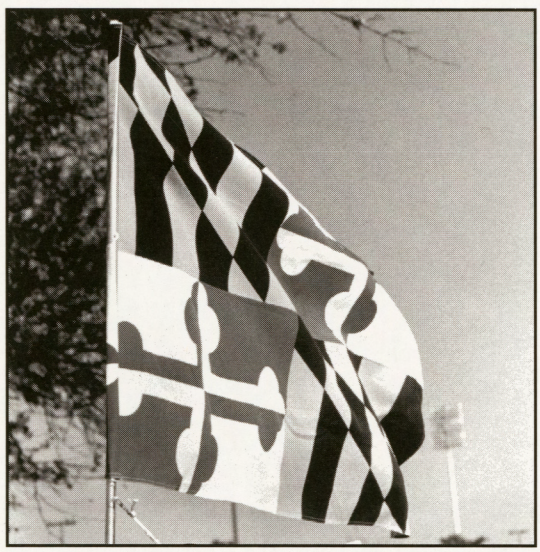
Head Coach.....Bob Nelligan
.....(Massachusetts '72)
Record at Maryland.....157-192-1
Career Record.....157-192-1
Assistant Coaches.....Diane Volpe (Maryland)
.....Rhonda Tetreault (UCLA)
League.....East Atlantic Gymnastics League
1996 Record.....25-11
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....11/4

The 1997 University of Maryland Gymnastics Guide was designed to assist media and Terrapin opponents in their coverage of Maryland Gymnastics. Anyone needing further assistance throughout the season should contact Jeff Stauffer, Athletic Media Relations, University of Maryland, P.O. Box 295, College Park, Md. 20741-0295. Phone - (301) 314-7064.

The Maryland Gymnastics Media Guide was written, edited and desktop published by Nicole Hawkins. Editorial assistance was provided by Dave O'Brian, Jeff Stauffer, Tricia Harris, Diane Volpe and Greg Walker (EAGL). Photos taken by Lisa Helfert and Teressa Trusty. The Guide was printed by Forms N' Print, Hyattsville, Maryland.

On The Cover: The 1997 Maryland Gymnastics Team. From left to right of the "M". Stacy Breidenbach, Kelley Callaway, Kelly Conger, Lauren Urbaniak, Jade Rosser, Alexis Moran, Denise Driscoll, Pam Bradley, Christine Holcombe, Megyn Byrnes, Beth Walls, Jenny Wright, Ashley Albert, Rachel Dolbin, Anne Coffey, Sara Gingrich, Shelly Hernandez, Joy Dawson, Elize Burke, Jenny Engel and Shannon Buckley.

Directions to Health and Human Performance Building: Take Exit 25B off of the Beltway (495) or Interstate 95. Follow Route 1 South towards College Park. Turn right onto Campus Drive and go straight to the "M" traffic circle. Once at the circle, take first right off of the circle onto Regents Drive. Take second left onto Farm Drive. Take next right onto Valley Drive. The Health and Human Performance building is the first building on the right. The gym is on the second floor.



The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity institution with respects to education and employment. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, origin, sex or handicap in admission to, access to or treatment of employment in its programs and activities as required by federal (Title VI, Title XI section 504) and state laws and requlations. Inquires regarding compliance with Title XI of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973, or related legal requirements should be directed to the Office of Human Relations, 1107 Hornbake Library, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742. Phone - (301) 405-2838. Inquires concerning the application of section 504 part 34 of the C.F.R. to the University of Maryland may be directed to the Director of Disabled Student Services, 0126 Shoemaker Hall, College Park, Maryland 20742. Phone - (301) 314-7682. TTY - (301) 314.7863.

MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

1997 OUTLOOK

Excitement is in the air for the 1997 Maryland Gymnastics Team. The Terps have a strong squad with 11 gymnasts returning from last season. Maryland also has a talented group of newcomers. The Terps are ready and they hope to improve on their 25-11 mark from last season.

Maryland is fortunate to have such a large number of veterans returning. The team will be led by juniors **Megyn Byrnes** and **Stacy Breidenbach**. Other key Terp leaders for 1997 will be juniors **Lauren Urbaniak** and **Alexis Moran** as well as sophomore **Christine Holcombe**. Each hopes to improve individually as well as aiding in the improvement of the team.

On the vault, Maryland hopes to have strong performances from **Byrnes**, **Holcombe** and **Breidenbach**. **Byrnes** and **Holcombe** tied for the 1996 team vault high with a 9.725. **Byrnes** had her best performance at the 1996 Towson Invitational. **Holcombe's** high score came at the East Atlantic Gymnastics Leauge Championships. **Breidenbach** will be a strong addition to the vault competition in 1997. Her best performance of 1996 (9.7) came against Geroge Washington. **Moran**, **Urbaniak** and sophomore **Jenny Engel** will also be looked upon to be vault contributors.

Moran, **Byrnes** and **Holcombe** will be expected to have a strong year on the uneven bars. **Moran** received the 1996 team high score of 9.875 against Pittsburgh, James Madison and Indiana (Pa.). **Byrnes** and **Holcombe** hope their consistency continues on the uneven bars. Senior **Jenny Wright**, junior **Kelley Callaway** and sophomore **Beth Walls** should also contribute to the Terps uneven bars rotation.

Breidenbach, **Moran**, **Byrnes** and **Holcombe** will lead the Terps on the balance beam in 1997. **Breidenbach** scored a 9.85 at the 1996 National Invitational Tournament, which was last season's high score. **Moran** and **Byrnes** are expected to bring thier solid beam scores back for the Terps this season. **Holcombe** is expected to contribute as well.

The floor exercise will see last season's top five returning in 1997. **Byrnes**, **Urnaniak**, **Breidenbach**, **Holcombe** and **Engel** were all consistant on the floor in 1996. With her 9.75, **Urbaniak** had the 1996 team high against Pittsburgh, James Madison and Indiana (Pa.). Maryland will look to have newcomers contribute on the floor as well.

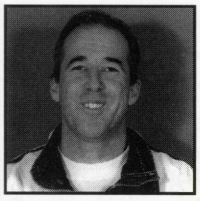
Byrnes, **Breidenbach** and **Holcombe** will be Maryland' s all-around competitors this season. **Byrnes** 38.925 was last season's team high, and she scored a 38.4 at the 1996 Southeast Regionals. **Breidenbach's** season high was a 38.625, while **Holcombe's** 36.8 was her high score. All of the Terp all-arounders consistently had scores above 37 last season. The three hope to continue their success this year.

The veteran team hopes to give Maryland added success and improvement in 1997. The Terps hope the newcomers will be able to easily adjust and step in. Maryland is excited and ready to show everyone their talent and ability. 1997 looks to be an exciting year for Terrapin Gymnastics.

1997 TERRAPIN ROSTER

NAME	YR.	HT.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Ashley Albert	Fr.	5'1	Pittsburgh, Pa./Upper St. Clair
Pamela Bradley	Fr.	5'4	Columbia, Md./Howard
Stacy Breidenbach	Jr.	5'3	Hillsdale, N.J./Pleasant Valley (Pa.)
Shannon Buckley	Fr.	5'2	Scotch Plains, N.J./Scotch Plains Fanwood
Elize Burke	Fr.	5'4	Bowdoinham, Mass./Mount Ararat
Megyn Byrnes	Jr.	5'8	Mahopac, N.Y./Mahopac
Kelley Callaway	Jr.	5'4	Columbia, Md./Oakland Mills
Kelly Conger	Fr.	5'1	Miami, Fl./Miami Palmetto Senior
Joy Dawson	Fr.	5'2	South Kingtown, R.I./South Kingstown
Rachel Dolbin	Fr.	5'5	Pottsville, Pa./Pottsville Area
Denise Driscoll	Jr.	5'2	Sewell, N.J./Paul VI (Northeastern)
Jenny Engel	So.	5'2	Monrovia, Md./Linganore
Sara Gingrich	Fr.	5'3	Harrisburg, Pa./Central Dauphin
Shelly Hernandez	Fr.	5'9	Silver Spring, Md./Montgomery Blair
Christine Holcombe	So.	5'0	McMurray, Pa./Peters Township
Alexis Moran	Jr.	5'2	Minersville, Pa./Minersville
Jade Rosser	So.	5'5	Greensboro, N.C./Western Guilford
Lauren Urbaniak	Jr.	5'4	Pottstown, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
Beth Walls	So.	5'2	Bel Air, Md./C. Milton Wright
Jenny Wright	Jr.	5'6	Smiths, Bermuda/Bermuda

MARYLAND GYMNASTICS



Bob Nelligan has been at the helm of Maryland Gymnastics since 1979. Nelligan has had a critical part in helping the program become competitive at the national level.

As head coach, Nelligan has a wide range of responsibilities. In addition to organizing and implimenting all aspects of the training program, he is crucial to the recruiting process. He is in charge of monitoring all NCAA regulatory issues and ensures that the team is in compliance with the rules.

Nelligan has additional duties and responsiblities as well. He is the Assistant to the Director of the Maryland Gymkana Troupe, the only touring exhibitional gymnastics troupe in the country. He is also a co-founder of the Maryland Gymkana Camp. Nelligan has been a guest lecturer in the Health and Human Performance Department and has taught classes in gymnastics, badminton, basketball and fencing. Nelligan pioneered a wellness program for varsity athletes at the University. He is working to implement the wellness program across all University sports.

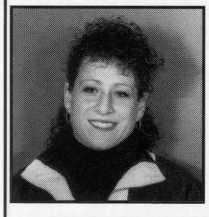
From 1975-79, Nelligan was the Chairman of the Physical Education Department at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, New York. He was a Physical Education Instructor and he coached Gymnastics, Lacrosse and Softball at The Masters School from 1973 to 1975. Nelligan was an instructor and coach at the Marvateens Gymnastics School in Rockville, Maryland in 1973. Prior to 1973, he was a coach and teacher at the Weymouth South School in Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Nelligan's summers are as busy as his academic year. He is the co-director of the Maryland Gymkana Camp in College Park and he is a Director and Master staff member at the Woodward Gymnastics Camp in Woodward, Pennsylvania.

Nelligan is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches, the U.S. Elite Coaches Association, the University of Massachusetts Alumni Association and he is a member of the Maryland Gymkana Troupe.

Nelligan received his B.S. in Physical Education from the University of Massachusetts in 1971. In 1993, he received his M.S. in Health and Human Performance from the University of Maryland.

Nelligan and his wife Chris have two children, Brett and Kelsey. In his free time, he enjoys skiing, tennis, and playing the guitar.



Assistant Coach Diane Volpe has been involved with Maryland Gymnatics since the 1988-89 season. She competed on the team until 1992.

Volpe remained with the team as a volunteer assistant for the 1992-93 season. She was then hired as a full-time assistant in 1993.

As the assistant coach, Volpe has many responsibilities. She is in charge of recruiting, which has added signifigance now that Maryland has a number of full gymnastics scholarships.

Volpe also composes the routines performed at the gymnastics meets. Volpe's knowledge of the technical requirements looked for by judges gives her an advantage in this task. It is also her job to schedule meets and to make sure the equipment is in proper working condition.

Volpe worked closely with Nelligan and Dr. Pat Mann of the Washington Capitals to create a nutrition program for individual student-athletes.

Volpe graduated from Maryland in May 1993 with a B.A. in Elementary Education.

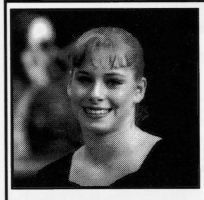
She is a native of Ossining, New York and currently resides in Washington, D.C.

Rhonda Tetreault has experienced a great deal of gymnastics success. She previously trained under gymnastics instructor Bela Karolyi. She was a member of the 1988 Olympic team.

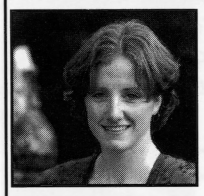
In addition to the Olympics, Tetreault has seen action in other gymnastics competitions. She was the United States vault champion in 1988. In 1987, she was a World Championship Team member, and in that same year, she won a gold medal at the Pan American Games. Prior to coming to Maryland, she was the Head Coach at Lanco Gymnastics Traing Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She also assisted the women's gymnastics program at UCLA for two years under Valorie Kondos.

At the Lanco Gymnastics School from 1994-1996, Tetreault organized a team program for levels 4-10. She was in charge of choroegraphy for the beam and floor exercises. She coached her level 9 team to a state championship. She was a Master staff member, clinician and counselor at the USAGTC Gymnastics Camps in California and Massachusetts, the International Gymnastics Camp in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania and the Woodward Gymnastics Camp in Woodward, Pennsylvania.

Tetreault graduated fron UCLA with a B.S. in History.

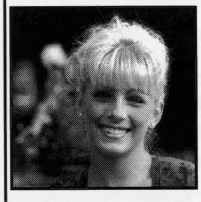


Stacy Breidenbach - Junior - 5'1 - Hillsdale, New Jersey/Pleasant Valley (Pa.)
One of Maryland's top all-around returnees. One of the toughest mental competitors on the squad. She contributes to the team by challenging her teammates to perform to top levels. **1996:** Set a new Maryland record with a 9.85 on the balance beam versus Pittsburgh, James Madison and Indiana (Pa.). Competed in the NCAA Southeast Regionals and received a 37.975 all-around score. **1995:** Surpassed expectations in every way. Competed in every meet in her first year. Was an all-arounder in two meets. All-around winner versus Temple and George Washington. **1996 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.7, Bars - 9.575, Beam - 9.85, Floor - 9.7, All-Around - 38.625. **Personal:** Born 5/8/76 -- Stacy is the daughter of Richard and Karen Breidenbach. She is majoring in Animal Science.

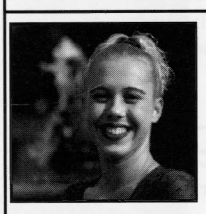


Megyn Byrnes - Junior - 5'8 - Mahopac, New York/Mahopac High School
Adds depth to the team as an all-around competitor. She will contribute as an experienced veteran. Has shown consistency in all events. **1996:** Participated in all of Maryland's meets. Showed improvement throuoghout the season. Set a Mayland all-around record with a 38.925 at the EAGL Championships. Competed in the NCAA Southeast Regionals for a second consecutive year. **1995:** Participated in all of theTerps meets. Placed first on the floor versus Cornell and Yale with a 9.7. Competed in the USA Collegiate National Championship. **1996 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.75, Bars - 9.85, Beam - 9.75, Floor - 9.75, All-Around - 38.925. **Personal:** Born 2/8/96 -- Megyn is the daughter of Stephen and Kathleen Byrnes. Megyn is a Broadcast Journalism major.

Kelley Callaway - Junior - 5'4 - Columbia, Maryland/Oakland Mills High School
Returns as one of the team's leaders on the uneven bars. Has improved since walking on the team as a freshman. Should also contribute on the vault. **1996:** Competed on bars in every meet. Her best vault of 1996 was a 9.675 versus Pittsburgh, James Madison and Indiana (Pa.). Participated in the NCAA Southeast Regionals on the bars. **1995:** Competed on uneven bars in eight meets. Suffered a shoulder injury midway through the season which limited her ability to compete. **1996 Season Highs:** Bars - 9.675. **Personal:** Born 7/23/96 -- Kelley is the daughter of Frank and Sherry Callaway. She is majoring in Logistics and Transportation.



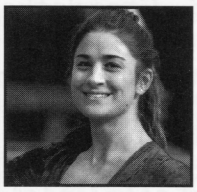
Alexis Moran - Junior - 5'2 - Minersville, Pennsylvania/Minersville Area High School
Returns this season strong on the beam and uneven bars. She is expected to show improvement on the vault and floor. **1996:** Set the Maryland individual vault record with a 9.875 versus Pittsburgh, James Madison and Indiana (Pa.). Participated on bars and beam in all of Maryland's meets. Vaulted in four meets for the Terps. Saw action at the NCAA Southeast Regionals on vault, bars and beam. Had orthoscopic surgery on her ankle which limited some of her ability. **1995:** Her weak ankle limited her action as a freshman. Placed first on the bars in four meets her freshman year. Took home first place on the beam and bars at the 1995 USA Collegiate National Championships. Accomplished 1995 team high bars score with a 9.75 against Cornell and Yale. **1996 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.6, Bars - 9.875, Beam - 9.75. **Personal:** Born 3/20/76 -- Alexis is the daughter of Edward and Joyce Moran. Alexis is an Economics major.



Lauren Urbaniak - Junior - 5'4 - Pottstown, Pennsylvania/Owen J. Roberts
Should be back to true form after a foot injury two seasons ago. Returns as one of the leaders on the floor. Also will be looked upon to contribute on the beam and the vault. **1996:** Participated in all Terp meets. Showed steady improvement in all events. Is expected to continually improve this season. Another Terp who participated in the 1996 NCAA Southeast Regionals. **1995:** Competed in all meet up to the time of her season-ending foot injury. Showed impressive first year numbers on the vault and floor. **1996 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.525, Beam - 9.375, Floor - 9.75. **Personal:** Born on Christmas Day in 1976 -- Lauren is the daughter of James and Maureen Urbaniak. She is a majoring in Psychology.

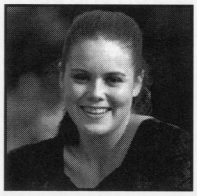
MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

Jennifer Wright - Junior - 5'6 - Smiths, Bermuda/Bermuda High School
Veteran returnee who participated on vault and bars last season. Had knee surgery in November, 1995 which limited her productivity last season. Hopes to be back to her true form in 1997. **1996:** Participated on vault in four meets and on bars in one. Scored her season-high vault (9.225) at the Towson Invitational. **1995:** Competed in all but one meet as a freshman. Accomplished her personal best vault score (9.325) against North Carolina in 1995. **1996 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.225, Bars - 9. **Personal:** Born 5/8/75 -- Jennifer is the daughter of David and Annette Wright. She is a Business major.

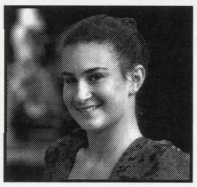


Jenny Engel - Sophomore - 5'2 - Monrovia, Maryland/Linganore High School
Brings experience on vault and floor from 1996. Walked on the team as a freshman after being a diving recruit. Had not competed since her freshman year in high school. Projected to be involved in all events this season. **1996:** Competed in all of Maryland's meets on vault and floor. Is looking to improve on last year's scores with a year of experience under her belt. **1996 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.55, Floor - 9.6. **Personal:** Born 7/3/77 -- Jenny is the daughter of William and Linda Engel. Jenny is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Christine Holcombe - Sophomore - 5'0 - McMurray, Pennsylvania/Peters Township
One of the Terps top performers. Came in last season as Maryland's top recruit. Is expected to improve and be a serious threat to opponents. **1996:** Saw action in every event at every meet. Gained tremendous confidence and experience during the 1996 season. Participated in the NCAA Southeast Regionals in all events. Scored a 38.6 in the all-around competion at the EAGL Championship. The score marked the highest all-around score ever by a freshman at Maryland. Tied former Terp Ronanne Comerford's and teammate Megyn Byrnes' individual vault records with a 9.75. **1996 Season Highs:** Vault - 9.75, Bars - 9.8, Beam - 9.625, Floor - 9.7, All-Around - 38.6. **Personal:** Born 6/14/77 -- Christine is the daughter of Norman and Barbara Holcombe. Christine is undecided on her major.



Jade Rosser - Sophomore - 5'5 - Greensboro, North Carolina/Western Guilford
Expected to contribute this season on beam and floor. Exhibits grace and elegance in her floor routines. Has the potential to be successful on the college level. Is attending Maryland as a President's Scholar. **1996:** Sat out as a freshman in order to adjust and prepare herself for competition at the collegiate level. **High School:** Was a member of the Student Government Association and was the Editor in Chief of the student newspaper in 1994 and 1995. **Personal:** Born 2/25/77 -- Jade is the daughter of Dale and Linda Rosser. She is yet to decide on a major.

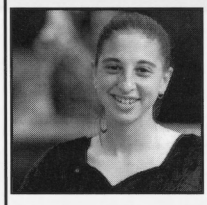


Elizabeth Walls - Sophomore - 5'2 - Bel Air, Maryland/C. Milton Wright
A vaulting specialist. Should see competition this season on the floor in addition to vault. Has extensivly trained to improve her skills. **1996:** Sat out to prepare for competition at the collegiate level. **High School:** Was Class 3A Regional Champion in track and field in 1994. Was a track and field All-County Honorable Mention in 1995. **Personal:** Born 12/17/77 -- Elizabeth is the daughter of Bruce and Carmela Walls. She is a Biology major.

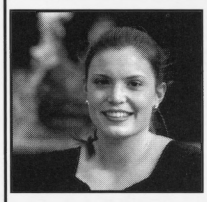
Denise Driscoll - Junior - 5'2 - Sewell, New Jersey/Paul VI High School
Is expected to contribute immediately after transferring to Maryland from Northwestern University. Should see action in all events. **High School:** A member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. **Personal:** Born 10/22/76 -- Denise is the daughter of Paul and Mildred Driscoll. She is majoring in Computer Science.

Ashley Albert - Freshman - 5'1 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania/Upper St. Clair
May see some time in this season's rotations. She has not participated in gymnastics for the past two years due to an injury. She is anxious and determined to be successful at the collegiate level. **High School:** Was an Honor Student and she was on the Academic Honor Roll at Upper St. Clair. **Personal:** Born 8/13/78 -- Ashley is the daughter of Dean and Marla Albert. She is a Letters and Sciences major.

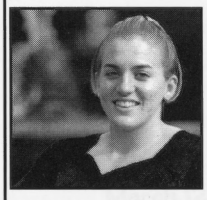
MARYLAND GYMNASTICS



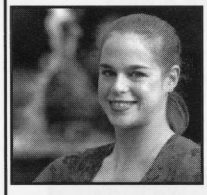
Shannon Buckley - Freshman - 5'2 - Scotch Plains, New Jersey/Scotch Plains Fanwood
May see time for the Terps this season. Is expected to improve and be a contributor for the Terps in the future. **High School:** High school gymnastics team won county and state sectionals in 1993 and 1994. She was the captain of her gymnastics team in 1995 and 1996. Buckley was a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. **Personal:** Born 7/29/78 -- Shannon is the daughter of John and Ellen Buckley. She is a Letters and Sciences major.



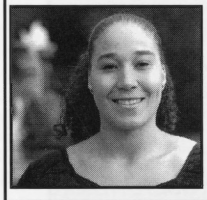
Elize Burke - Freshman - 5'4 - Bowdoinham, Maine/Mount Ararat High School
A welcome addition to the Terps roster. May see action this season in some events. **High School:** Was named Maine's Most Valuable Gymnast by the Maine Sunday Telegram in 1996. Won state individual gymnastics championship in 1996. Was a member of the National Honor Society. **Personal:** Born 7/22/78 -- Elize is the daughter of Edward and Lennie Burke. She is undecided on a major.



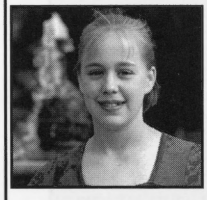
Kelly Conger - Freshman - 5'1 - Miami, Florida/Miami Palmetto Senior
Will contribute in a limited capacity this season, but is expected to improve and see action as she gains experience. Will spend 1997 adjusting to college-level competition. **High School:** A member of the National Honor Society. **Personal:** Born 7/22/78 -- Kelly is the daughter of Richard and Betty Conger. She is double-majoring in Psychology and Criminology.



Rachel Dolbin - Freshman - 5'5 - Pottsville, Pennsylvania/Pottsville Area
May see some action this season. Will be expected to improve her skills and contribute more next year. **High School:** Was involved in track and field as well as gymnastics. Won district and league honors in track and field from 1994-1996. Won two varsity letters in track and field. Gymnastics team won the Pennsylvania State Championship from 1991-1995. Competed at the Gymnastics Junior Nationals in 1994. **Personal:** Born 5/31/78 -- Rachel is the daughter of Jack and Jane Dolbin. She is undecided on her major.

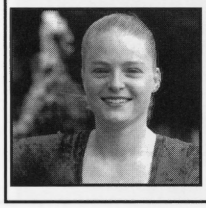


Shelly Hernandez - Freshman - 5'8 - Silver Spring, Maryland/Montgomery Blair High
Will see limited action for the Terps this season. Will prepare herself to make a contribution for the Maryland next season. **High School:** Lettered on the Pom Squad. Was an honors student and a Merit Scholar. Also a member of the Student Government Association. **Personal:** Born 1/27/78 -- Shelly is the daughter of Geraldine Hernandez. Shelly is currently a Letters and Sciences major.



Pamela Bradley - Freshman - 5'4 - Columbia, Maryland/Howard High School
Her action will be limited in 1997. Will spend the year practicing and improving her skills. **High School:** A member of the National Honor Society. She was in the top five percent of her class. Won Maryland Distinguished Scholor Honorable Mention. Also won United States Navy Math and Science Award. At her gymnastics club, won Balance Beam State Championship in 1993. Qualified for Nationals and Regionals on balance beam. **Personal:** Born 5/10/78 -- Pam is the daughter of Grover and Carol Bradley. She is a Journalism major.

Sara Gingrich - Freshman - 5'3 - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania/Central Dauphin High School
Will see action in a limited capacity this season. Will be helpful to Maryland in the future. **High School:** Competed in field hockey , soccer and gymnastics throughout high school. Also was on the diving team in 1994 and 1996. Mid-Penn Diving Champion in 1996. Was a United States Navy Math and Science award winner. Participated in the chours and the band. **Personal:** Born 11/13/77 -- Sara is the daughter of Franklin and Eizabeth Ann Gingrich. Sara is a Chemistry major.



Joy Dawson - Freshman - 5'2 - South Kingstown, Rhode Island/South Kingstown
Excells on Beam and Vault. Will be expected to contribute for the Terps in the future. **High School:** Participated in gymnastics and track and field. Won All-State honors in gymnastics in 1994 and 1995. She also was involved in plays and musicals. **Personal:** Born 3/30/78 -- Joy is the daughter of Charles and Margaret Dawson. She is undecided on her major.

MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

1996 TERRAPIN HIGHLIGHTS

Breaking 190 -- Maryland broke 190 for the first time in the team's 20-year history with a 190.75 versus Temple. The Terps went on to score over 190 in five more meets.

Setting Records -- The Terps set team records on the floor (48.725), the uneven bars (48.625), balance beam (48.575) and the vault (48.05).

Breidenbach On Beam -- Stacy Breidenbach established a new Maryland record when she scored a 9.85 on the balance beam versus Pittsburgh, James Madison and Indiana (Pa.). She broke Arousha Youssefi's mark of 9.8 from 1993.

Byrnes Breaks Record -- Megyn Byrnes set a new school record in the all-around competition with a 38.875 against George Washington. She then broke the record again with a 38.925 at the EAGL Championships in West Virginia.

Two Tie Vault Record -- Megyn Byrnes and Christine Holcombe tied former Terp Ronanne Comerford's seven year vault record with a 9.75. Byrnes' score came at the Towson Invitational while Holcombe attained her score at the EAGL Championships.

Moran Makes Her Mark -- Alexis Moran earned a 9.875 on the uneven bars against Pittsburgh, James Madison and Indiana (Pa.). She broke the record of 9.825 that teammate Megyn Byrnes had scored one routine earlier.

Holcombe Hits Highs -- Christine Holcombe scored a career high 38.6 in the all-around competition at the EAGL Championships. Her score marks the highest all-around score by a freshman in the history of Maryland Gymnastics.

Breidenbach Reaches A High -- Breidenbach led Maryland over the 190 mark versus Temple. She set what was then the Maryland school record in the all-around competition with a 38.45 first place finish. Her score included a 9.65 vault, a 9.55 on the uneven bars, a 9.65 on the balance beam and a 9.6 on the floor.

MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
1996 SEASON RESULTS

January 21	**Maryland**	**188.025**	**Temple**	**178.625**
January 27	Maryland	186.65	George Washington	190.725
			William & Mary	187.25
			S. Connecticut	183.65
			Bridgeport	183.45
			Pennsylvania	176.85
Feburary 3	Maryland	188.425	Towson State	191.625
			North Carolina	188.075
February 17	Maryland	189.65	Towson State	191.625
			George Washington	190.725
			William & Mary	188.4
			Temple	182.275
			Pennsylvania	179.45
February 24	**Maryland**	**190.75**	**Temple**	**185.525**
March 2	Maryland	190.275	George Washington	190.775
			North Carolina State	190.75
			William & Mary	188.225
			Western Michigan	187.925
			Pittsburgh	187.075
			James Madison	187.35
March 12	**Maryland**	**192.325**	**George Washington**	**188.75**
March 16	**Maryland**	**193.3**	**Pittsburgh**	**190.575**
			James Madison	**189.925**
			Indiana (Pa.)	**177.6**
March 23	Maryland	191.1	North Carolina State	193.75
			North Carolina	190.575
			William & Mary	189.175
			Radford	185.625
March 30	Maryland	192.15	West Virginia	194.6
			Towson State	193.725
			North Carolina State	192.3
			New Hampshire	191.7
			North Carolina	189.3
			Pittsburgh	189.15
			Rutgers	188
April 13	Maryland	189.9	Georgia	196.95
			Florida	195.375
			Kentucky	193.925
			Towson State	192.65
			West Virginia	191.875
			North Carolina State	191.875
April 21	Maryland	189.7	Towson State	194.525
			Iowa	194.15
			SE Missouri State	193.575
			Illinois - Chicago	192.3
			Boise State	192.275
			Illinois - Chanpaign	191.4
			Northern Illinois	190.475

TERRAPIN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Vault: Christine Holcombe -- 9.75 -- 3/30/63
Megyn Byrnes -- 9.75 -- 2/17/96
Ronanne Comerford -- 9.75 -- 1/13/89, 1/27/89, 3/12/89
Bars: Alexis Moran -- 9.875 -- 3/16/96
Beam: Stacy Bridenbach -- 9.850 -- 3/16/96
Floor: Marisa DiNatale -- 9.850 -- 3/16/96
Robin Swick -- 9.850 -- 2/21/96
All-Around: Megyn Byrnes -- 38.925 -- 3/30/96

TERRAPIN TEAM RECORDS

Vault: 48.1 -- 4/21/96 -- @ National Invitational Tournament
Bars: 48.625 -- 3/16/96 -- vs. Pittsburgh, James Madison, Indiana (Pa.)
Beam: 48.525 -- 3/23/96 -- vs. N.C. State, North Carolina, William & Mary, Radford
Floor: 48.725 -- 3/16/96 - vs. Pittsburgh, James Madison, Indiana (Pa.)
Team: 193.3 -- 3/16/96 -- vs. Pittsburgh, James Madison, Indiana (Pa.)

MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

THE EAST ATLANTIC GYMNASTICS LEAGUE

The East Atlantic Gymnastics League became a reality on July 31, 1995, when eight prominent universities banded together to form a consortium created solely for the purpose of showcasing women's gymnastics on the East Coast. Representing three conferences and six states, the EAGL is comprised of the University of Maryland, the University of North Carolina, and North Carolina State University of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University and West Virginia University of the Big East Conference and the University of Hew Hampshire and Towson State University of the North Atlantic Conference. In August 1996, the NCAA Council accepted the EAGL as an official affiliated member of the NCAA.

EAGL schools have a long history of gymnastics success. Towson State has eight East Coast Athletic Conference titles to its credit, while New Hampshire has four. West Virginia won four straight Atlantic 10 Conference crowns before leaving that league to join the EAGL. Seven of the eight schools have competed in NCAA Regionals, while New Hampshire, Towson State and West Virginia have gone on to NCAA Championship competition. In 1982, Pittsburgh produced NCAA bars champion Lisa Shirk.

So it was somewhat surprising that few people gave the EAGL much of a chance when the 1996 season began. However by the end of the year, people took notice as the EAGL would be well-represented in postseason competition. Six EAGL teams earned NCAA Regional bids. Only the Pacific-10 Conference, with seven bids, had more. Maryland advanced to regional competition for the first time since 1991. West Virginia's Kristin Quackenbush tied for third on vault at the NCAA Championships, to become the school's and conference's inaugural first-team All-American. Towson State won the National Invitational Tournament, scoring a school-record 194.525 points to edge powerful Iowa. During the regular season, EAGL teams compiled a 90-38 record (.703 winning percentage) against non-conference competition. Included in that were wins against nationally ranked Kentucky (three times), Iowa and Boise State (Twice). New Hampshire, North Carolina State, Pittsburgh, Towson State and West Virginia were all ranked in the top 25 at one point during the year. In addition to Towson State's Mark at the NIT, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Pitt and Rutgers all set school single-meet scoring records.

The crowning jewel of the inaugural EAGL season was the league championships, hosted by West Virginia. In a competition that came down to the last rotation, West Virginia tallied 194.6 points to edge Towson State's 193.725. North Carolina State was third with 192.3 points, followed closely by Maryland (192.15), New Hampshire (191.7), North Carolina (189.3), Pitt (189.15) and Rutgers (188.0). The meet also produced the second-highest crowd (1,648) to ever watch a gymnastics meet at the WVU Coliseum.

West Virginia's Quackenbush won the all-around, scoring a 39.275 composite, while Maryland's Megyn Byrnes, Towson State's Erin Shanley and Karla Hairston of WVU tied for second at 38.925. In the individual events, Shanley was a two-time winner, tying for first on bars (9.9) and floor (9.8). Quackenbush won the vault outright, landing a 9.925. On bars, EAGL Co-Rookie of the Year Cara Lepper of New Hampshire matched Shanley's 9.9 to tie for first.

Co-Rookie of the Year Liane Willliams of Towson State and Jessica Nonnemacher of West Virginia tied for first on the balance beam with 9.825 marks. On the floor exercise, it was Meredith Behson of Rutgers and Christi Newton of North Carolina State tying Shanley's 9.8.

Newton was named both EAGL Gymnast of the Year and outstanding Senior Gymnast in a vote of the league coaches. Sari Lehmuskallio of Towson State easily won EAGL Scholar-Athlete with her 3.96 grade point average in Mass Communications. She graduated from Towson State in just three years. West Virginia's Linda Burdette was named Coach of the Year.

The EAGL was also well represented in the classroom with 16 gymnasts earning Academic All-America recognition. Towson State's Lehmuskallio led the way along with her Tiger teammate Kelli Newcomb. North Carolina placed a league-high five gymnasts on the squad including Christa Abrams, Jen DeLuca, Molly Gardner, Meredith Mitchell and Joni Smith. Other EAGL Academic All-Americans included Elizabeth Bernstein, Emily Bradsher and Jennifer Kilgore of North Carolina State, Nonnemacher, Quackenbush and Manago of West Virginia, Christine Battista and Brenda Stevens of Pittsburgh and New Hampshire's Kim Purcaro.

As the league turns to the 1997 season and the EAGL Championships at North Carolina State, the proverbial cupboard is far from bare. EAGL teams return 83 percent of their rosters from last season and 77 percent of those returnees are juniors or younger.

All EAGL champions except N.C. State's Newton return. All-league honors should be hotly contested this year as well with 1996 EAGL first-teamers Stacy Breidenbach and Alexis Moran (Maryland), Lepper and Jana Reardon (New Hampshire), Nicole Austin, Susan Cunningham and Amanda Mitchell (North Carolina), Stephanie Wall (North Carolina State), Robyn Senior (Pittsburgh), Behson (Rutgers), Shawna Thompson and Williams (Towson State) and Nonnemacher, Quackenbush and Umme Salim (West Virginia) all returning.

The EAGL is headquartered at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va.. The Director is former Pittsburgh gymnast and head coach Donna Sanft, who is currently an Assistant Athletic Director with the Panthers. Other EAGL officers include Chairperson Linda Burdette (West Virginia), Secretary Mark Stevenson (North Carolina State), Treasure Dick Filbert (Towson State) and Public Relations Director Greg Walker (West Virginia).

MARYLAND GYMNASTICS

These are great days at the University of Maryland at College Park. The University, through an act of the state legislature, has been designated officially as the state's flagship campus with a mandate to become one of the nation's leading public universities. The effect of the mandate is for individuals from all corners of the university to aspire toward excellence, to think great thoughts and to become immersed in an educational enterprise of the highest caliber. There is an unmistakable momentum for change and a sense of heightened expectation at College Park. Maryland is choosing quality.

The faculty has enthusiastically endorsed a new general education program that began in the fall of 1990. It is a blueprint for conprehensive changes in the undergraduate experience at Maryland. The campus is reducing its undergraduate enrollment to improve the ratio between faculty and staff, raising admissions standards, revamping the University Honors Program, strengthening the advising system, supporting expanded undergraduate research and encouraging innovations in teaching.

A new language house has opened where student residents have direct satellite access to foreign language television broadcasts from the USSR, Latin America, Italy and Japan where, in a total immersion setting, they have pledged to speak their chosen language at all times. A new honors house, a stimulating living and learning center for undergraduates taking part in the University Honors Program opened in 1992. The International House, a living environment that will meet the growing needs of the diverse population on campus was also added.

The University of Maryland at College Park is looking for excellence in every aspect. It is a vital part of Maryland's current prosperity and its vision for the future. For students at the University, the state offers an extension to the campus' own wealth of opportunities.

Academic Stature: One of only 30 public research universities in the prestigious 58-member Association of American Universities; among fewer than 10 percent of universities invited to join Phi Beta Kappa.

Baccalaureat Choices: Degress offered in 98 diciplines; pre-professional programs in dental hygine, dentistry, law, medical techology, medicine, nursing, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy and pediatric medicine.

Dramatic Monents: Find them in the 1,350 seat Tawes Theatre, the stage for major theatrical productions and special events.

Faculty Facts: Full-time -- 1,988; part-time -- 544; student/faculty ratio -- 14/1.

Getting There: The MARC Train offers public transportation from College Park to Baltimore' s Camden Station next to Oriole Park and near the Inner Harbor. The highly efficient Metro system puts the suburban Maryland, District of Columbia and Northern Virginia areas a rapid transit system ride away from College Park.

Ideas: More than 100 active patent disclosures by university inventors are managed by the Office of Technology Liasion.

Journanlist's Pick: The College of Journalism was selected as one of two sites in the United States for the Hubert J. Humphrey Fellowship Program, and was named one of the nations' top communications programs by the Gannett Center for Media Studies.

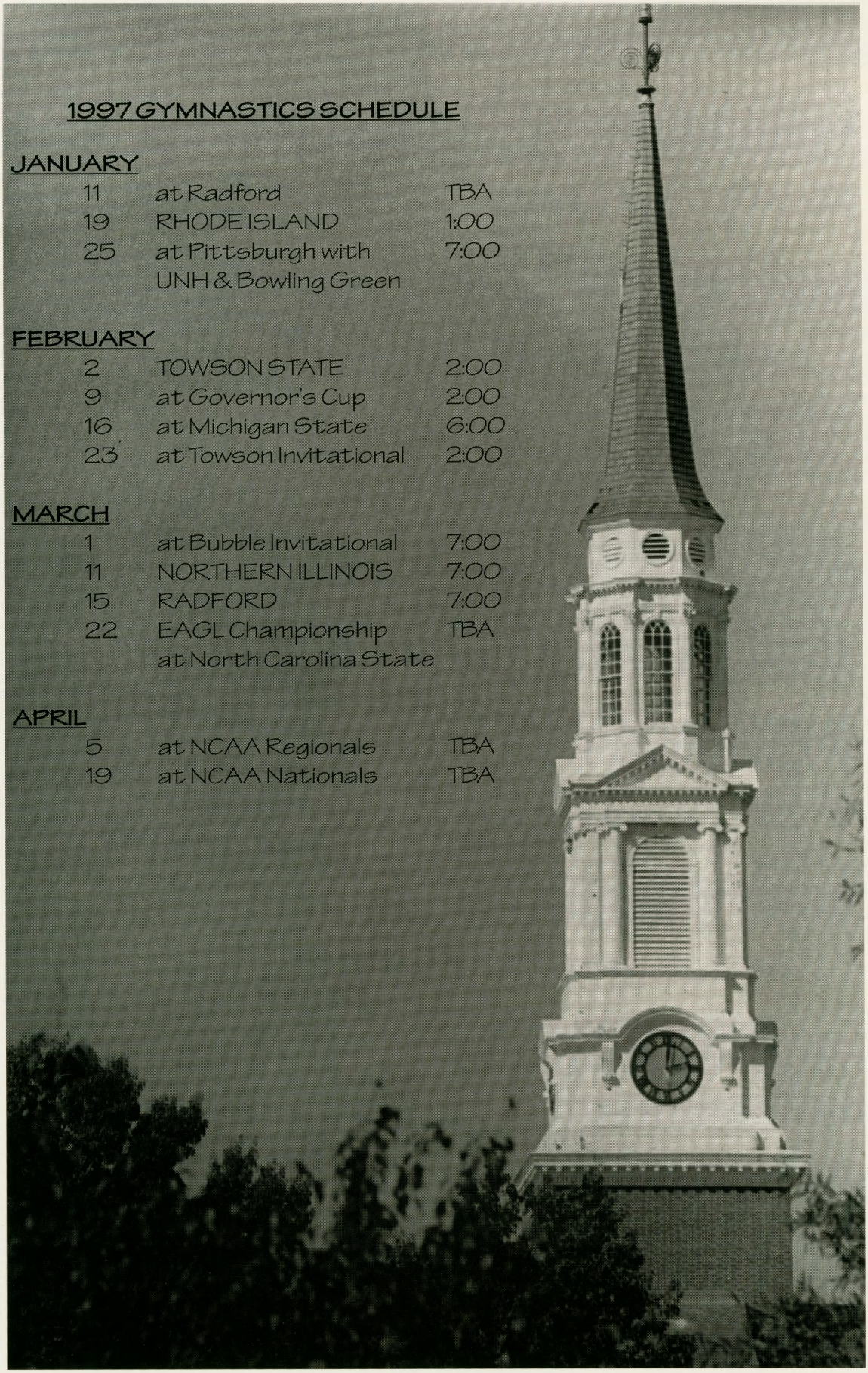
Library Holdings: Largest academic research library system in the Washington metropolitan area. There are 2.8 million volumes in the libraries and 4.6 million items on microfilm.

Nationally Voted: A dozen academic departments and programs at College Park are placed in the top 10 among United States public universities by the National Academy of Sciences.

Neighbors: Campus neighbors include the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Institute of Health, the National Areonautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Research Center. On campus is the National Archives II.

Added Value: College Park is included in the Guide to 101 of the Best Values in Colleges and Universities, published annually by the Center for College Enrollment Studies.

On the Drawing Board: $36 million campus recreation center and $100 million Center for Performing Arts will soon enhance the campus.

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

JANUARY			
	11	at Radford	TBA
	19	RHODE ISLAND	1:00
	25	at Pittsburgh with UNH & Bowling Green	7:00
FEBRUARY			
	2	TOWSON STATE	2:00
	9	at Governor's Cup	2:00
	16	at Michigan State	6:00
	23	at Towson Invitational	2:00
MARCH			
	1	at Bubble Invitational	7:00
	11	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	7:00
	15	RADFORD	7:00
	22	EAGL Championship at North Carolina State	TBA
APRIL			
	5	at NCAA Regionals	TBA
	19	at NCAA Nationals	TBA